

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improved portrayal of navigation objects, comprising:
combining at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object,
~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects, and~~ wherein said
combining comprises merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a
combined ~~graphical~~ navigation object ~~by scaling~~,
presenting said combined navigation object with an additional icon that indicates
that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined
navigation object, and
presenting said at least two navigation objects, if said combined navigation object is
selected.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said combined
navigation object is presented in a first display mode, and wherein said at least two
navigation objects are presented in a second display mode, if said combined
navigation object is selected.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein each of said at
least two navigation objects is associated with one respective target object that is
displayed or executed upon selection of said respective navigation objects.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said respective
target object that is displayed or executed upon selection of said respective
navigation objects is displayed or executed in said first display mode.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said navigation objects are defined according to a markup language, in particular the HyperText Markup Language or derivatives thereof, and are interpreted by a browser.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said at least two navigation objects are hyperlinks.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein in said first display mode, a first display window is used, and wherein in said second display mode, a second display window is used.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein both said first and second display mode are used in the same display window.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein in said second display mode, at least one of a horizontal and a vertical scroll bar is provided.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining whether said at least two navigation objects have to be combined into one combined navigation object or not.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a web page, wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map, and

wherein said image hyperlinks within said image map are displayed in unscaled format, if said selectable graphical representation is selected.

17. (Currently Amended) A device for improved portrayal of navigation objects configured to combine at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object, ~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects, and~~ wherein said combining comprises merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a combined ~~graphical~~ navigation object ~~by scaling~~, said device also configured to present said combined navigation object with an additional icon that indicates that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined navigation object, and to present said at least two navigation objects, if said combined navigation object is selected.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, configured to present said combined navigation object in a first display mode, and means for presenting said at least two navigation objects in a second display mode, if said combined navigation object is selected.

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, configured to determine whether said at least two navigation objects have to be combined into one combined navigation object or not.

20. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a web page, wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map, and wherein said image hyperlinks within said image map are displayed in unscaled format, if said selectable graphical representation is selected.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon, the computer program comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 1.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein said computer program comprises a browser.

23. (Currently Amended) A device for improved portrayal of navigation objects, configured to combine at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object, ~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects,~~ wherein said device is configured to combine by merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a combined graphical navigation object ~~by scaling,~~ and wherein said combined navigation object is presentable with an additional icon that indicates that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined navigation object and selectable to trigger presentation of said at least two navigation objects.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~presenting said at least two navigation objects if said combined navigation object is selected comprises presenting said navigation objects in an unsealed format~~ at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

25. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 17, wherein ~~said device is configured to present said at least two graphical navigation objects if said combined navigation object is selected by presenting said navigation objects in an unsealed format~~ said at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

26. (Currently ~~Amende~~Amended) A method for improved portrayal of navigation objects, comprising:
combining at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object, ~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects,~~ wherein said combining comprises merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a

combined ~~graphical-navigation object-by-scaling~~, and wherein said combined navigation object is presentable with an additional icon that indicates that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined navigation object and selectable to trigger presentation of said at least two navigation objects.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein ~~presentation of said at least two graphical navigation objects is in an unsealed format~~said at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, further comprising determining whether said at least two navigation objects have to be combined into one combined navigation object or not, wherein said determining is performed by a device.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a web page, and wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon, the computer program comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 26.

31. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 23, wherein ~~presentation of said at least two graphical navigation objects is in an unsealed format~~said at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

32. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 23, configured to determine whether said at least two navigation objects have to be combined into one combined navigation object or not.

33. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 23, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a

web page, and wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map.

34. (Currently Amended) A method for improved portrayal of navigation objects, comprising:

- receiving a combined navigation object obtained by combining at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object, ~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects, and~~ wherein said combining comprises merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a combined ~~graphical~~ navigation object by scaling,
- presenting said combined navigation object with an additional icon that indicates that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined navigation object, and
- presenting said at least two navigation objects, if said combined navigation object is selected.

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 34, wherein said presenting said at least two graphical navigation objects if said combined navigation object is selected comprises presenting said navigation objects in an unscaled format.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein ~~said combined navigation object is presented in a first display mode, and wherein said at least two navigation objects are presented in a second display mode, if said combined navigation object is selected~~ said at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a web page, wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map, and wherein said image hyperlinks within said image map are displayed in unscaled format, if said selectable graphical representation is selected.

39. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon, the computer program comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 34.

40. (Currently Amended) A device for improved portrayal of navigation objects

- configured to receive a combined navigation object obtained by combining at least two navigation objects into one combined navigation object, ~~wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects, and~~ wherein said combining comprises merging said at least two ~~graphical~~ navigation objects into a combined ~~graphical~~ navigation object ~~by scaling,~~
- configured to present said combined navigation object with an additional icon that indicates that said at least two navigation objects have been merged into said combined navigation object, and
- configured to present said at least two navigation objects, if said combined navigation object is selected.

41. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 40, wherein ~~said device is configured to present said at least two graphical navigation objects in an unscaled format~~ said at least two navigation objects are merged into said combined navigation object by scaling.

42. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 40, wherein said combined navigation object is presented in a first display mode, and wherein said at least two navigation objects are presented in a second display mode, if said combined navigation object is selected.

43. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 42, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

44. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 40, wherein said at least two navigation objects are image hyperlinks within an image map contained in a web page, wherein said combined navigation object is represented by a selectable scaled graphical representation of said image map, and wherein said image hyperlinks within said image map are displayed in unscaled format, if said selectable graphical representation is selected.

45. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 18, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

46. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 23, wherein said combined navigation object is presentable in a first display mode, and wherein said at least two navigation objects are presented in a second display mode, if said combined navigation object is selected.

47. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 46, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

48. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein said combined navigation object is presentable in a first display mode, and wherein said at least two navigation objects are presented in a second display mode, if said combined navigation object is selected.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein said first display mode is a scaled format display mode, and wherein said second display mode is an unscaled format display mode.

50. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least two navigation objects are graphical objects.

51. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least two navigation objects are text objects.